# Upper Midtown Land Use and Access Study City of College Park, MD

Presentation Prepared for College Park City Council

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- Existing Conditions Analysis
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# **MWCOG TLC Program Introduction**









# TRANSPORTATION/LAND USE CONNECTIONS OVERVIEW

# Upper Midtown Land Use and Access Study, College Park, MD

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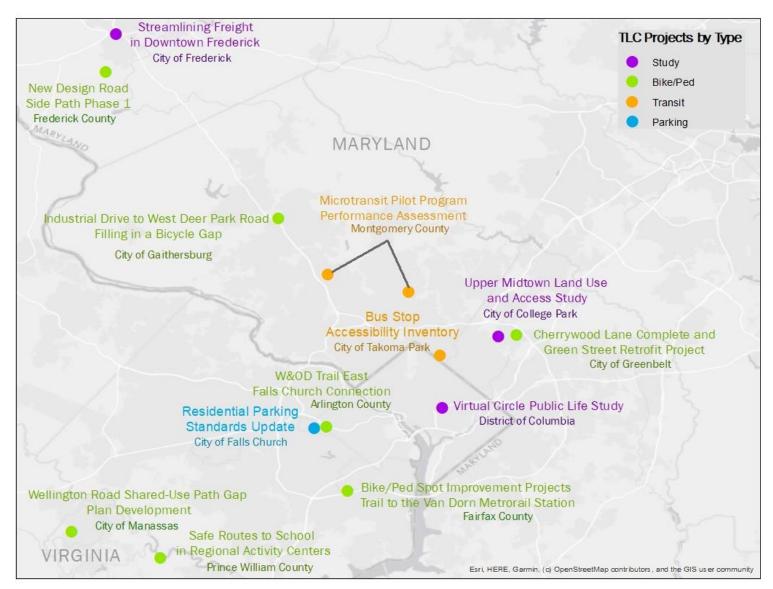


#### **Background on TLC**

- Began in 2007 130+ projects to date
- Allocates funding for consultant-provided technical assistance serving TPB member jurisdictions
- TLC projects selected through competitive process each spring, consultants competitively selected in the fall
- Roles and responsibilities are shared between MWCOG/TPB, the participating jurisdiction, and the consultant



### **FY2020 TLC Projects**





#### Overview on Roles/Responsibilities

#### COG/TPB

 As the contracting agency, provides payment, project oversight, and regional input

#### Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction lead staff serves as the project manager

#### Consultant

Works closely with the jurisdiction on all project-related issues;
 acts as firm would if contracting directly with the jurisdiction



#### Role of MWCOG/TPB

Contracting

COG/TPB contracts directly with the consultants

Project Oversight and Communication

COG/TPB staff liaison assigned to each project to ensure:

- Contract/invoice issues managed appropriately
- Protocol for jurisdiction/consultant coordination established
- Clear communication between all project participants
- Final Deliverable Deadline: May 31, 2020
- Regional Applicability
  - TLC's primary goal = provide information, products, and tools that can be applied throughout the Washington Metropolitan Region



#### Role of the City of College Park

#### Project Management

 This is your project – treat it as you would any other you manage. TLC liaisons provide oversight and are available if issues concerning scope/budget, etc. arise.

#### Expectations on Your Time

 Tend to require less management time than projects funded by your jurisdiction due to scale and TPB managing contracting

#### Scope Creep

 We ask that you ensure you are receiving the services promised while refraining from asking for additional tasks free of charge

#### Involvement of Other Partners

 As a regional agency, TPB's interests lie in facilitating a process that brings together voices at the local, regional, state levels



#### Role of Consultant (Kittelson & Associates)

- Budgeting Wisely
  - As with any other contract, the consultant is bound by the scope of work agreed to in the contract initiated with COG/TPB. All deliverables promised in the contract are expected to be completed.
  - At times, the consultant may choose to perform an extra step for one task; this cannot be at the expense of another task.
  - Work closely with your TPB project liaison to ensure that all interests are protected.

#### **Additional Information**

- When in doubt on roles and responsibilities, call your TLC liaison. We want to know about potential issues before they become problems.
- For more information on the TLC program, go to: <a href="www.mwcog.org/tlc">www.mwcog.org/tlc</a> under "Technical Assistance Program"
- Contact your TPB Project Liaison Greg Goodwin/ <u>ggoodwin@mwcog.org</u> or <u>TLC@mwcog.org</u> for any questions



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# Project Background

# **Study Area**



## Ongoing and Recent Developments











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### Goals & Objectives

#### Land Use & Zoning

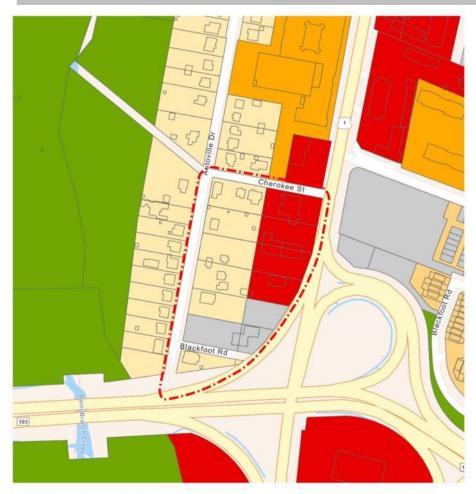
- Assess opportunities for investment and redevelopment
- Test the new zoning ordinance
- Address fragmented parcel ownership and sizes
- Plan additional public amenities and open space such as parks and plazas

#### **Multi-modal Transportation**

- Explore options to enhance vehicular and ped/bike access to the study area
- Provide attractive public realm fronting US 1 with pedestrian and bicycle connectivity
- Enhance pedestrian and bicycle connectivity to Paint Branch Trail

# **Existing Conditions Analysis**

# **Existing Land Use**



#### Existing Land Use

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Commercial Properties Along Route 1



Detached Single-family Residential Buildings Along Autoville Drive

## **Property Ownership & Status**

**Property Owners** 



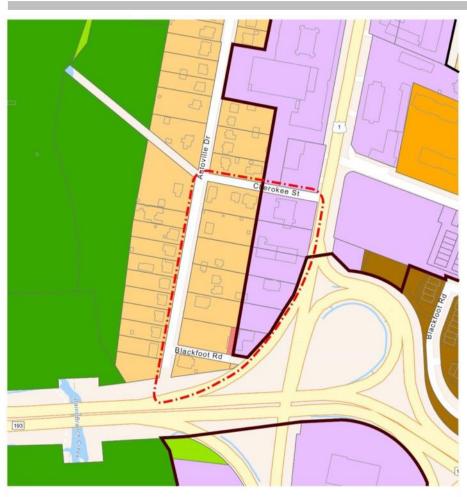
#### **Property Status**



Property Status	Residential Owned	
Commercial	Residential Rented	
Vacant Commercial	Outside Study Area	

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No.	Address	Owner	Land Use		
	4601 Cherokee St	Piedrahita	Single-Family Residential: Owner-		
		Alberto & Monica	Occupied		
1	4605 Cherokee St	Burns Anita M	Single-Family Residential: Owner-		
			Occupied		
	4607 Cherokee St	Castellanos	Single-Family Residential: Owner-		
		Armando & Maria	Occupied		
2	9098 Baltimore Ave	Heng Fa LLC	Commercial: China Buffet Restaurant		
			Single-Family Residential: Owner-		
	9085 Autoville Dr	Wasser Barry	Occupied		
			Single-Family Residential: Owner-		
3	4605 Cherokee St	Burns Anita M	Occupied		
	4607 Cherokee St	Castellanos	Single-Family Residential: Owner-		
		Armando & Maria	Occupied		
4	9094 Baltimore Ave	FourayLLC	Commercial: Long & Foster		
_	9077 Autoville Dr	Daria Land Group	Single-Family Residential: Renter-		
5		LLC	Occupied		
	9078 Autoville Dr	Daria Land Group	Multi-Family Residential: Rental and		
6		LLC	Commercial: The Jerk Pit Restaurant		
		Daria Land Group			
7	9075 Autoville Dr	LLC	Single-Family Residential: Renter-		
		Daria Land Group	Occupied		
8	9078 Baltimore Ave	II C	Commercial: The Jerk Pit Restaurant		
		LLC	Single-Family Residential: Owner-		
9	9029 Autoville Dr	Wang Peng C	Occupied		
		Wood Yolanda F	Occupied		
10,11,	9066 Baltimore Ave	& Edward P	Vacant		
& 12	3000 Baramore Ave	Trustee	vacane		
			Single-Family Residential: Renter-		
13	9051 Autoville Dr Zhang Chenh		Occupied		
			Commercial: Sherwin-Williams Paint		
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### **Existing & Proposed Zoning**



#### **Existing Zoning**

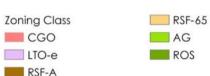
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#### **Proposed Zoning**

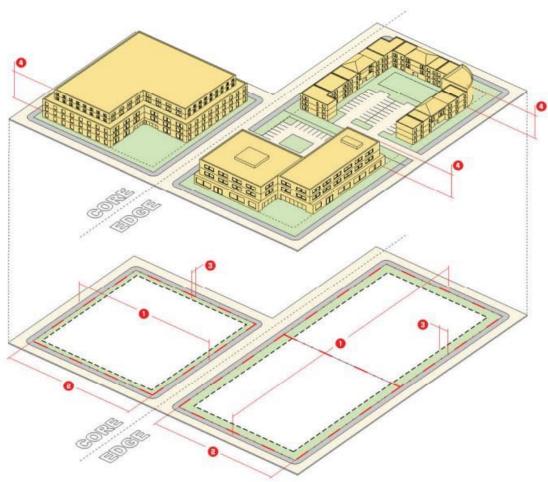
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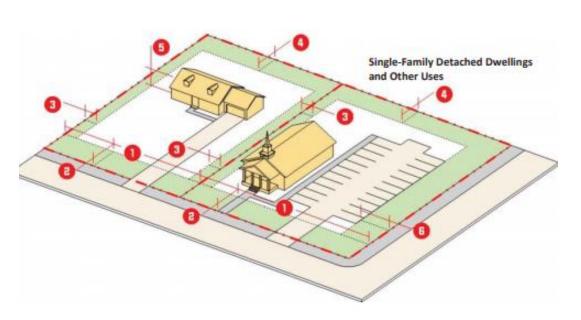


### Proposed Zoning – Local Transit Oriented - Edge (LTO-e)



	Standard	Nonresidential & Mixed Use	Residential
(	Density Min   Max) (du/ac)	N/A	10   40
	FAR (Min   Max)	0.25   2	N/A
	Front Yard Depth (Min)	0	10
	Side Yard Depth (Min)	0	5
	Rear Yard Depth (Min)	0	0
	Principal Structure Height (Max) (Ft)	70	70

### Proposed Zoning – Residential Single Family – 65 (RSF-65)



Standard	Residential
Density (Max) (du/ac)	6.7
Front Yard Depth (Min)	25
Side Yard Depth (Min)	8
Rear Yard Depth (Min)	20
Principal Structure Height (Max) (Ft)	40

# **Monument Village**

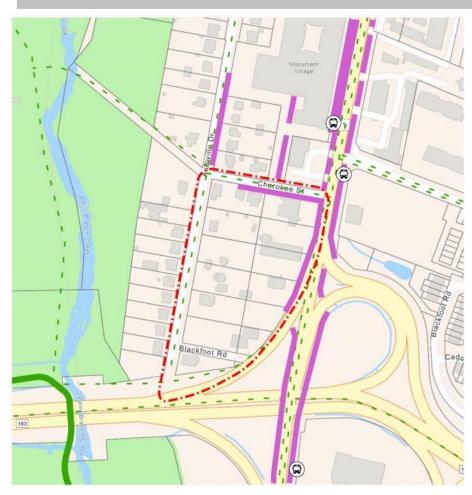


- Built in 2016
- 4,800 Sq. Ft. of Retail
- 250 Apartment Units
- 67.75 DU/Acre Density
- 350 Parking Spaces



Four level parking garage accessed by an alley from Cherokee Street.

### **Multi-modal Transportation Facilities**



#### Multi-Modal Transportation Facilities

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Transit Facilities

(a) Existing

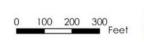
Pedestrian Facilities

Existing

**Bicycle Facilities** 

Existing

- - Planned





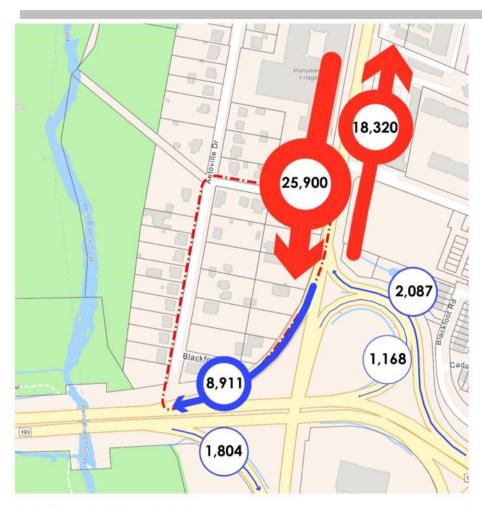


Narrow sidewalks along Route 1 and MD 193 ramp



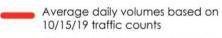
Potential location for trail connection along MD 193

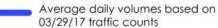
#### **Multi-modal Transportation Facilities**



#### **Existing Traffic Volumes**

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Route 1 to MD 193 on-ramp



Pedestrian crossing across the ramp

#### **Previous Plans Reviewed**

- M-NCCPC Central US 1 Corridor Sector Plan (2010)
- ULI Technical Assistance Panel Report, Creating a Future for Greenbelt Road/MD 193 (2018)
- Plan Prince George's 2035 Approved General Plan (2014)
- SHA Route 1 Phase-1 Design Plans (2019)
- SHA Access Manual (2016)
- SHA Context Driven Access & Mobility for All Users (2019)
- M-NCCPC Transportation Guide for Urban Communities (2019)

#### **Market Assessment**

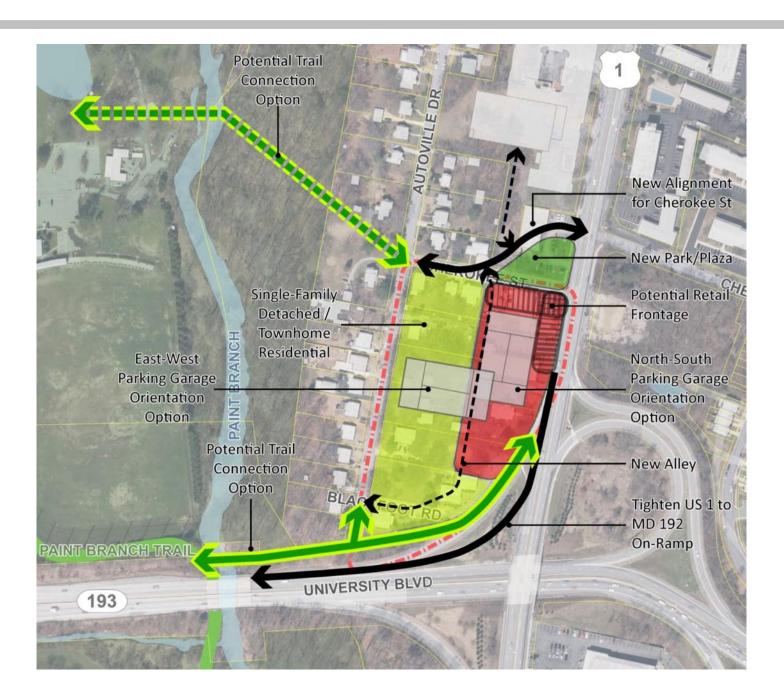
#### Interviews were conducted with:

- Three developers active in the area
- Broker for Wood property
- A commercial broker

#### **Key Takeaways**

- Land assembly critical for redevelopment
- Clarity on the future of MD 193 ramp
- Public incentives may be necessary to realize redevelopment
- Shortening the entitlement process will enhance the redevelopment potential

# Issues & Opportunities



# **Agency & Stakeholder Engagement**

The project team met with several agency staff members and major stakeholders throughout the planning process

- Stakeholder meeting with the City staff and M-NCPPC staff
   (Parks & Recreation, Zoning, Area Planning, and Transportation) in February 2020
- Work-session with the City staff, SHA, and M-NCPPC staff in March 2020
- Market assessment interviews in March 2020

Public input survey in May 2020

# Redevelopment Scenarios

### **Transportation Improvements**

- Streetscape enhancements with wide sidewalks, lighting, and landscaping along Route 1
- New trail connection from Route 1 to Paint Branch Trail along University Boulev and (MD 193)
- Realign Cherokee Street (West of Route 1) to connect with the signalized intersection
- Add high-visibility crosswalks and pedestrian ramps at Cherokee Street and Route 1
- Tighten University Boulevard (MD 193) on-ramp radius and relocate pedestrian crossing

### Redevelopment Options

- Explored four redev elopment options
- Options tested the range of density, height, housing type, and open space
- High-level evaluation of feasibility of each of the options
- The project is not a development proposal and no developer was involved in designing of the options.

## **Option A**

Redevelopment Details - Option A		
	Area (Sq. Ft.)	Units (#)
Retail	N/A	
Multi-family Residential (2-over-2 stacked Townhome style condos)	74,800	34
Multi-family Net Lot Area (Acre)	2.4	
Multi-family Density (Units/Acre)	14	
Townhomes	26,400	12
Townhomes Net Lot Area (Acre)	1.4	
Townhome Density (Units/Acre)	9	
Open Space (Park/Plaza)	8,300	
Parking Spaces	92	

#### Note:

Assumes 15' to 20' tall retail ground floor (Podium) and five 10' tall residential floors (Wood-frame)

Assumes average 15% common space for circulation and services and 1,200 Sq. Ft. average unit size for multi-family

Assumes 4 level parking garage with perpendicular parking

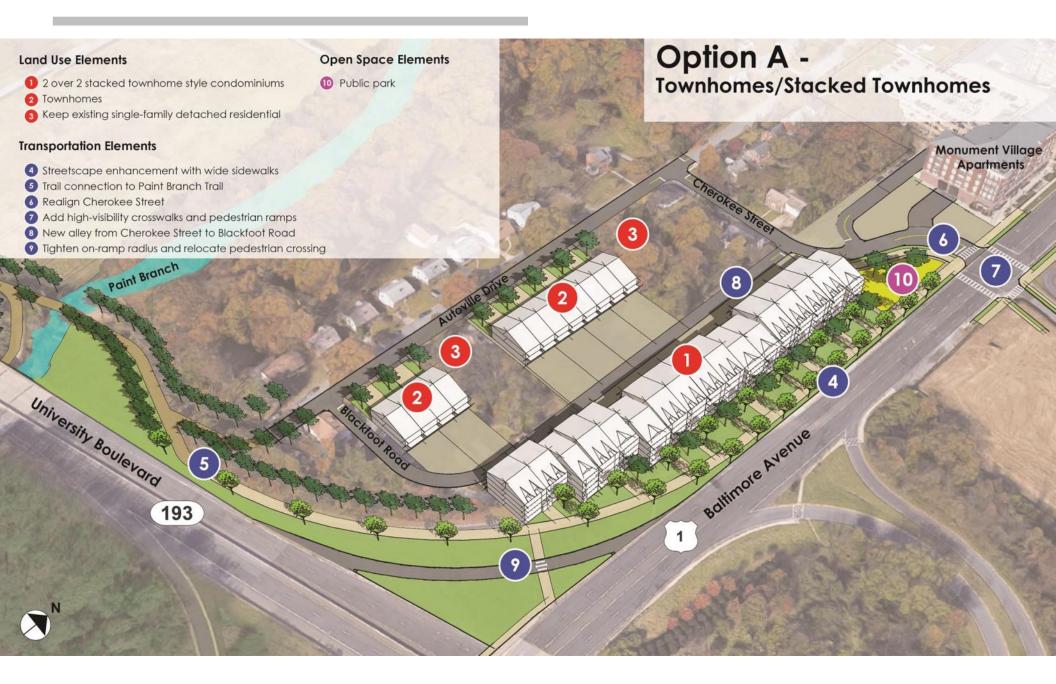
Feasibility Factors		
Number of parcels needed to be assembled	10	
Number of property owners impacted	5	
Rezoning required	Yes	
Cherokee Street realignment	Yes	

#### Note:

Option A can be implemented incrementally property-by-property as existing properties become available for redevelopment and initiated without rezoning



# **Option A**



### **Option A**

#### **Market Assessment**

- Option A can be implemented incrementally, if it is financially feasible.
- The price of land along Route 1 may be above what developers are paying for raw land.
- Townhouses on Autoville Drive may be economically feasible but may not have community support and will require rezoning.

## Option B

Redevelopment Details - Option B			
	Area (Sq. Ft.)	Units (#)	
Retail	8,000	N/A	
Multi-family Residential	215,800	150	
Multi-family Net Lot Area (Acre)	3.7	3.7	
Multi-family Density (Units/Acre)	40	40	
Townhomes	N/A	N/A	
Townhomes Net Lot Area (Acre)	N/	N/A	
Townhome Density (Units/Acre)	N/	N/A	
Open Space (Park/Plaza)	75,0	75,000	
Parking Spaces	350	350	

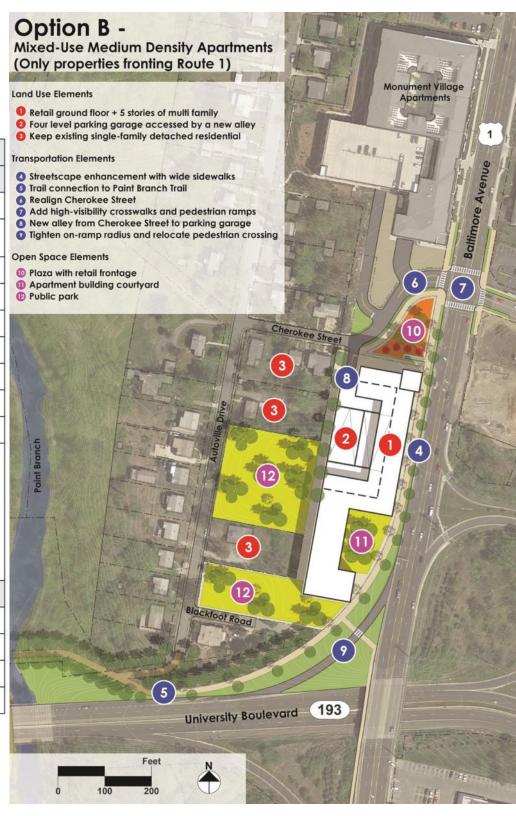
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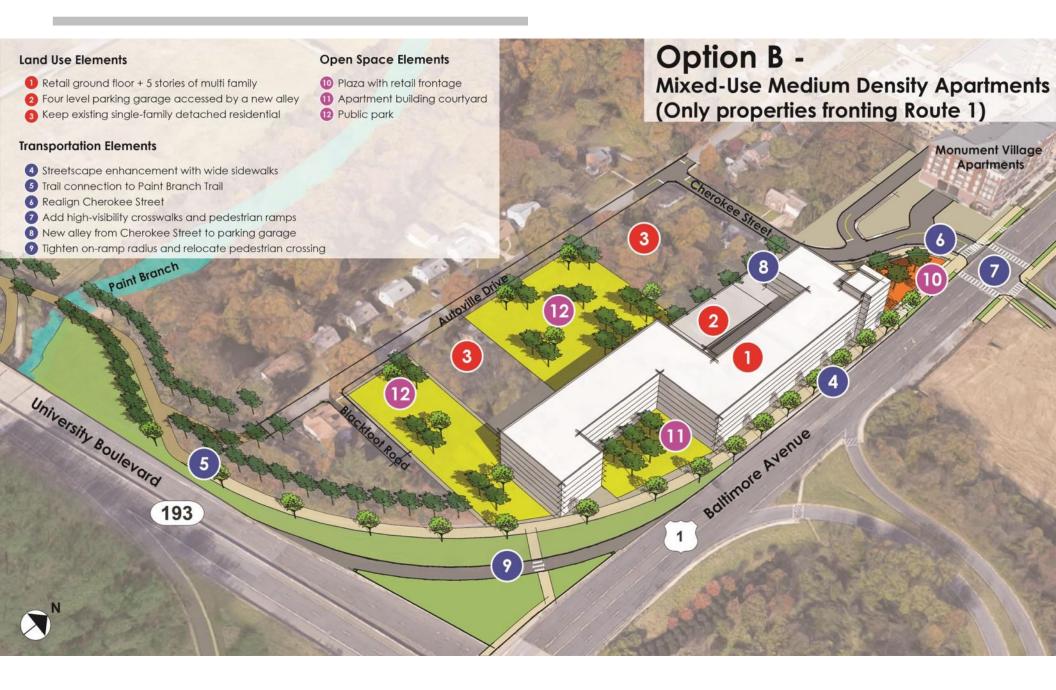
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Assumes 4 level parking garage with perpendicular parking

Feasibility Factors		
Number of parcels needed to be assembled	10	
Number of property owners impacted	5	
Rezoning required	No	
Cherokee Street realignment	Yes	



## **Option B**



### Option B

### **Market Assessment**

- Existing zoning permits the build-out in Option B.
- The unit land price rate (land price/number of apartment units) that developers are generally paying to buy land for redevelopment is lower than what they will need to pay for the study area properties because of the proposed zoning limitation of maximum 40 dwelling units/acre.
- Retail sq. ft. is feasible at Cherokee and Route 1 intersection.
- The park space may be attractive to the neighborhood.
- While an amenity, the park costs will further challenge project economics.

# **Option C**

Redevelopment Details - Option C					
	Area (Sq. Ft.)	Units (#)			
Retail	8,000	N/A			
Multi-family Residential	238,000	160			
Multi-family Net Lot Area (Acre)	4	4			
Multi-family Density (Units/Acre)	40	40			
Townhomes	N/	N/A			
Townhomes Net Lot Area (Acre)	N/	N/A			
Townhome Density (Units/Acre)	N/	N/A			
Open Space (Park/Plaza)	42,0	42,000			
Parking Spaces	360	360			

#### Note:

Assumes 15' to 20' tall retail ground floor (Podium) and five 10' tall residential floors (Wood-frame)

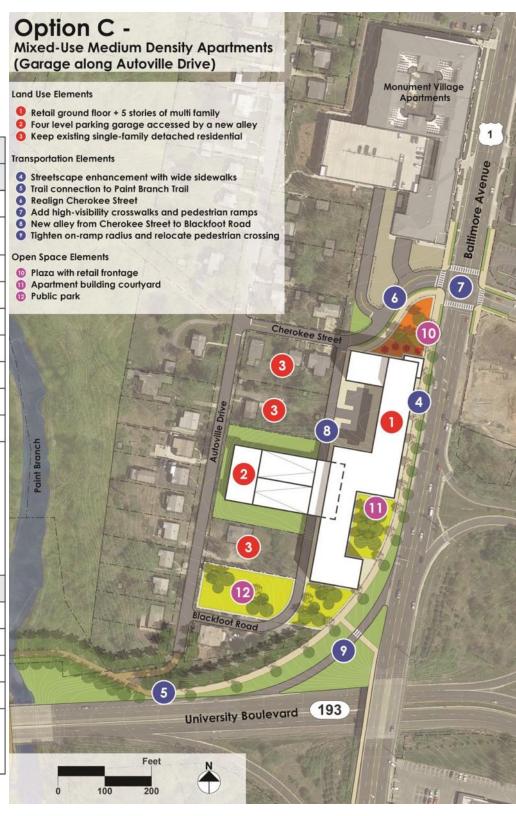
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Assumes 4 level parking garage with perpendicular parking

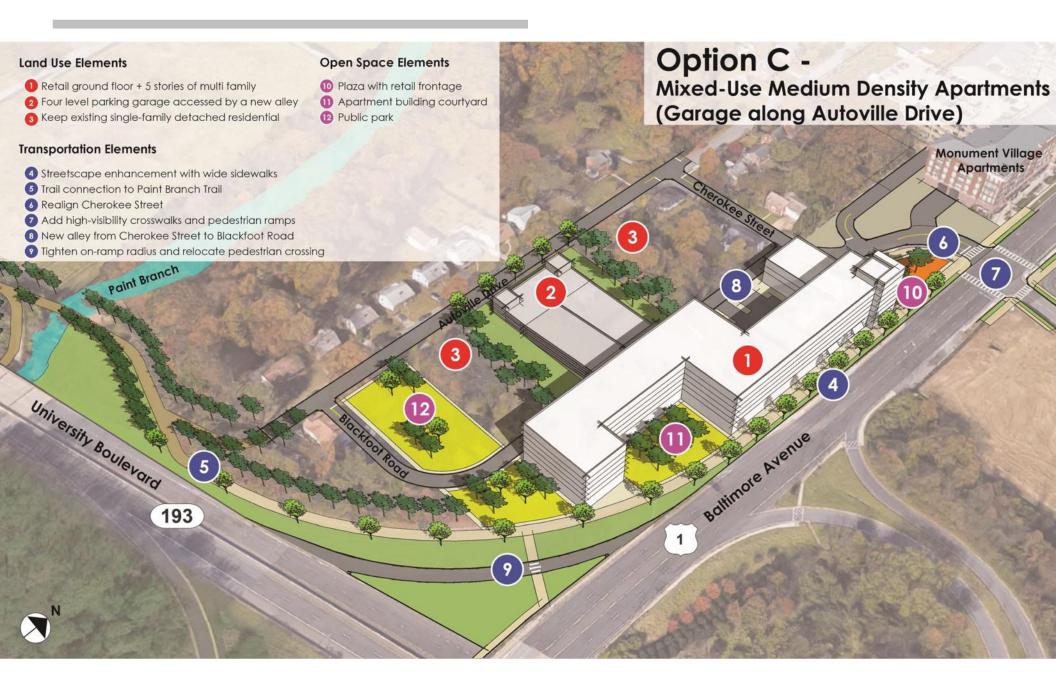
Feasibility Factors		
Number of parcels needed to be assembled	10	
Number of property owners impacted	5	
Rezoning required	No*	
Cherokee Street realignment	Yes	

### Note:

\* If Daria Land Group LLC properties are combined into one parcel and zoned as LTO-E, rezoning is not required



## **Option C**



### **Option C**

### **Market Assessment**

- Existing zoning permits the build-out in Option C.
- The apartment building's land price per unit is above what multi-family developers are paying.
- Retail sq. ft. is feasible at Cherokee and Route 1 intersection.
- The park space may be attractive to the neighborhood.
- While an amenity, the park costs will further challenge project economics.
- The east-west orientation of the parking garage provides more developable land in Option C.

# **Option D**

Redevelopment Details - Option D					
	Area (Sq. Ft.)	Units (#)			
Retail	16,000	N/A			
Multi-family Residential	412,000	290			
Multi-family Net Lot Area (Acre)	4.3	4.2			
Multi-family Density (Units/Acre)	69	69			
Townhomes	36,000	18			
Townhomes Net Lot Area (Acre)	1.	1.5			
Townhome Density (Units/Acre)	12	12			
Open Space (Park/Plaza)	54,0	54,000			
Parking Spaces	38	386			

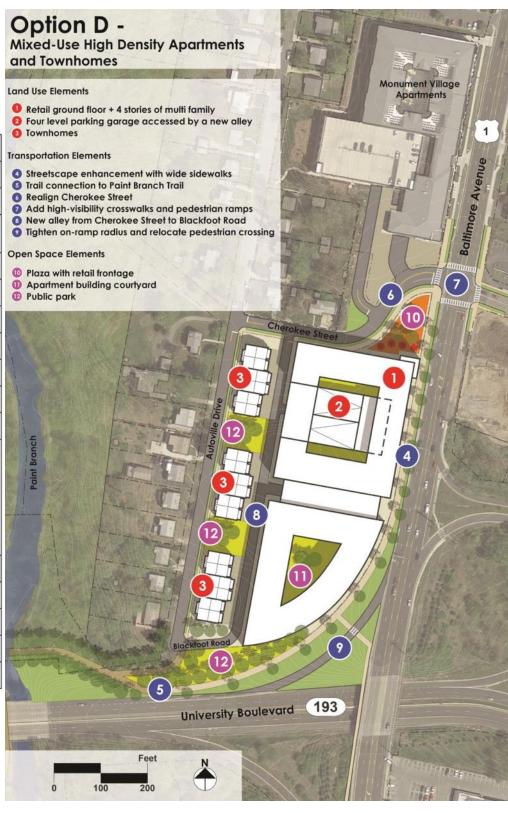
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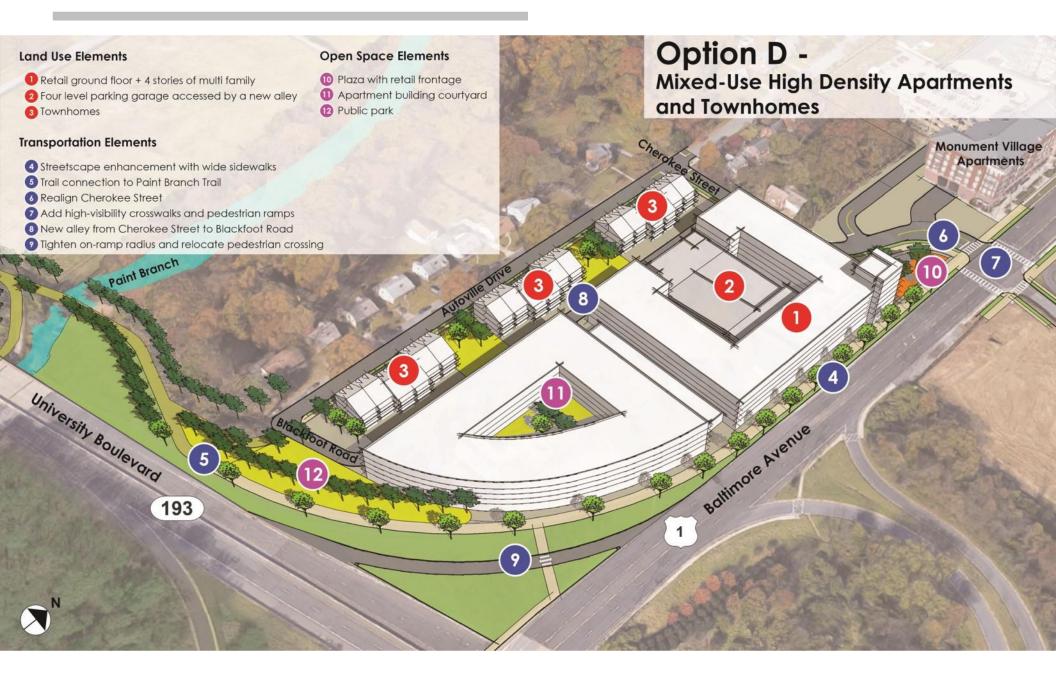
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Assumes 4 level parking garage with perpendicular parking

Feasibility Factors			
Number of parcels needed to be assembled	14		
Number of property owners impacted	11		
Rezoning required	Yes		
Cherokee Street realignment	Yes		



## **Option D**



### Option D

### **Market Assessment**

- Rezoning would be required for this option, since proposed LTO-e zoning will not allow redevelopment over 40 DU/Acre. The proposed RSF-65 zoning will also not allow townhomes fronting Autoville Drive.
- This is the most attractive option from an economic perspective because of the number of housing units and total sq. ft. of redevelopment.
- However, land assembly, property acquisition complexity and costs may make this option infeasible due to lack of community support, rezoning requirements, and lengthy approval process.
- Market may not support 16,000 retail sq. ft. even with the increased density.

# **High-Level Evaluation of Options**

Goals & Objectives	Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D
Likelihood of attracting private investment to redevelop the study area based on redevelopment feasibility.	Medium*	Medium	Medium	Low
Area of additional public amenities and useable open space such as parks and plazas.	Low*	High	Medium	Medium
Level of transformation in terms of redevelopment area.*	Medium*	Low	Medium	High
Reduced impact of MD 193 ramp on site redevelopment.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Provide an attractive public realm along Route 1 and improve pedestrian and bicycle connectivity.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

### \*Note:

Option A can be implemented incrementally property-by-property as existing properties become available for redevelopment and initiated without rezoning

- A project website and survey were developed in place of an in-person meeting
- The website and survey remained live for the month of May 2020
- The website and survey was advertised through:
  - Postcards were mailed to all homes and businesses in study area
  - City's website
  - City's various social media channels
- A paper version of the survey and the website were made available
- The survey questions solicited feedback on:
  - The type of development preferred
  - Community's support of the transportation improvements
  - Level of support for redevelopment options

- The survey received 69 total responses
- A broad range of respondents took the survey

### Main Takeaways:

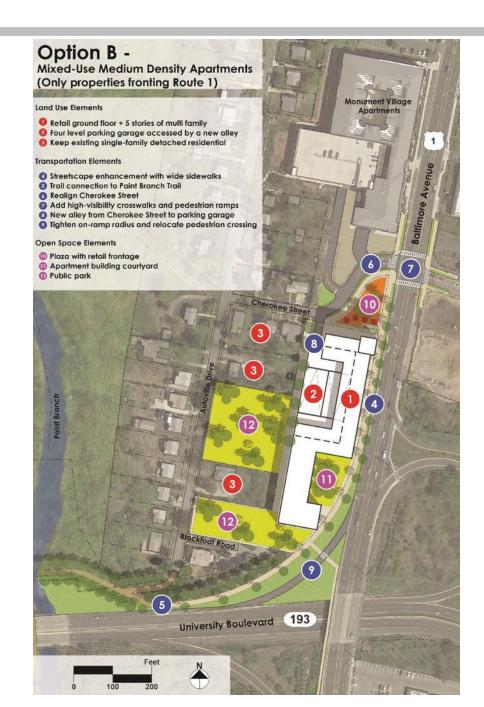
- Strong support for all transportation recommendations
- Support for adding new retail and open space
- No strong preference for building type fronting Route 1
- Strong preference for detached single-family residential fronting Autoville Drive

\*Detailed survey results are included in the report appendix.

 Respondents preferred Option B among the four options

### Option B includes:

- Six story multi-family building with parking garage and partial retail on ground floor fronting Route 1
- Public open space fronting Autoville Drive
- Maintain existing single-family detached residential along Autoville Drive



# **Key Findings & Recommendations**

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### **Multi-Modal Transportation Improvements**

The City can work with M-NCPPC and MDOT-SHA to implement the transportation improvements:

- Streetscape enhancements with wide sidewalks, lighting, and landscaping along Route 1
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### **Key Findings & Recommendations**

### Redevelopment

- Land assembly will be critical
- The China Buffet restaurant property at the corner of Cherokee Street and Route 1 is vital to provide access to study area from Cherokee Street.
- 40 DU/Acre maximum density under LTO-E zoning is lower than recent developments and may not be financially feasible.
- RSF-65 zoning primarily allows only detached single-family residential development and does not allow townhomes.
- Any redevelopment may require rezoning, likely to LTO -Planned Development (PD) zoning category.

### **Thank You**

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